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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1217**  
Toshio SUZUKI et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1875A  
Serial No. 10/022,619 : Group Art Unit 1614  
Filed December 20, 2001 : Examiner Sandra E. Saucier

PROCESS FOR PREPARATION OF  
(R)-1,2-PROPANEDIOL BY MICROBES

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 13, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: